

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

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People of the Fire

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Members prepare to meet new lawmakers

CPN members anticipate Festival 2008

A first-ever opportunity for large numbers of tribal members to meet the 11 new members of the recently constituted Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislature will highlight the Nation's tenth annual Family Reunion Festival. It is scheduled for Friday, June 27 through Sunday, June 29 and will bring more than 4,000 tribal members to Shawnee from across the U.S.A.

The new legislators will operate from a tent that will be set up as a base for their visiting with tribal members. The legislature will hold its second business session at the legislature chamber in the CPN administration building on Monday, June 30. It will be available for tribal members to watch online on www.Potawatomi.org.

Among other activities during Festival weekend, CPN members will elect two legislators. Incumbents Paul Schmidtkofer (District #12) and Paul Wesselhoft (District #9) face challenges from, respectively, Chad Higbee of Oklahoma City and Norman Brasfield of Bartlesville. All tribal members who live in Oklahoma and will be 18 or older by June 28, 2008 can vote in both of these races.



Tribal members have been voting via absentee ballot for several weeks. The walk-in polling place, at the Tribal Courtroom inside the Administration Building, will be open from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

Scheduled activities at the 2007 CPN Family Reunion Festival will keep tribal members of all ages busy and entertained, while also participating in cultural and educational offerings.

Because a round of Meet-the-Candidate forums replaced the 2008 Regional Meetings, the annual CPN Art Competition has not been held. The Art



Activities such as Grand Entry and the basketball tournament will again highlight the Family Reunion Festival, set for June 27-29.

Competition will live on at Festival. CPN artists who are 16 and older are urged to take their entries to the Long Room in the Cultural Heritage Center at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 to register. The art will be judged during the annual General Council meeting.

CPN artists who are six through 15 years old can enter the Art Competition that will be held in the south parking lot at FireLake Discount Foods. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Contestants should have their artwork at the judging site by 9:00 a.m. or shortly afterward. Age categories are six and seven; eight and nine; 10 through 12; and 13 through 15.

Veterans will be the subject of one of Festival 2008's important events. Jon Boursaw, the CPN Cultural Heritage Center director, has announced a meeting of the Nation's U.S. Armed Forces veterans. It is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28 at the Cultural Heritage Center. Boursaw says he will use the gathering to stress the importance of veterans' assisting in production of the Tribal Heritage Project veterans videos series. According to Boursaw, they can help by sitting for video-taped interviews and

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2008 Family Reunion Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008

6:00 a.m.	Wellness Center Open House (until 6:00 p.m.)
8:00 a.m.	Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 9:00 p.m.) Shawl Strip-Machine Class - E&T Program Conference Room (Until 5 p.m.)
8:30 a.m.	Children's Fingerprinting - North Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Tribal Heritage Family/Veterans Interviews (until 5:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center - All CPN Tribal Members and all Veterans welcome to interview throughout the day Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre Bingo and Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal HQ Kiddie Land & Petting Zoo - Pow Wow Grounds Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds open until 9:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	Softball Tournament-Sign-Up (14 & older) - Softball Fields Hot Dogs, Bratwursts, Smoked Bologna Served - West side of pow wow grounds (Until 10 p.m.) Potawatomi Ceremonial Life - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre Swimming Pool at Tribal Headquarters Open until 6:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	Registration for Teenage Pool Tournament until 12:30 p.m. - South of FDF
12:00 p.m.	Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds Community Development Corporation, CPN Housing Authority, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, & First National Bank Booth Open - South Reunion Hall - open until 7 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	Tour of FireLake Grand Casino - shuttles load at softball fields
1:00 p.m.	Potawatomi Language Class - North Reunion Hall Teenage Pool Tournament ages 15 & up - South of FDF Youth Arts & Crafts (until 4:30 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters Children's Activities (14 & under)- Tribal HQ - Chess and Checkers
2:00 p.m.	Tour of FireLake Grand Casino - shuttles load at softball fields
5:00 p.m.	Chess Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds Health Aid Foundation Information Booth - South Reunion Hall (closes at 8 p.m.)
5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds - served until 7:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Cultural Heritage Center closes for the night
Domino Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds
Horseshoes Tournament - Between FDF parking lot and the creek
Swimming Pool @ Tribal Headquarters Closes for the day
Traditional Hand Games - Round House/Pow Wow Grounds
Checkers Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds
Pool at Pow Wow Grounds closes for the day
Dance Under the Stars and Dance Contest/Live DJ - South of FDF
Registration for Night Golf Begins - FireLake Golf Course
Country & Western Dance - South Reunion Hall
Night Golf/Scramble - FireLake Golf Course
Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds Closes for the Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2008

7:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Voting opens (until 2:00 p.m.) - Tribal Court
Tribal Rolls Opens for Photo IDs & Genealogy - Cultural Heritage Center
FireLake Wellness Center Open House (Until 3:00 p.m.)
Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds (Served Until 9:00 a.m.)
Registration for Golf Tournament Begins - FireLake Golf Course
Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 8:00 p.m.)
Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Cultural Heritage Center Parking lot
Community Development Corporation, CPN Housing Authority, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, & First National Bank Booth Open - South Reunion Hall (open until 3 p.m.)
Tribal Veterans Meeting - Cultural Heritage Center
Tribal Heritage Family & Veteran Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center
Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre
Fry Bread Making Demonstration - Pow Wow Grounds
Golf Tournament - FireLake Golf Course - 4-person teams
Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds
Health Fair until 3:00 p.m. - Health Services
Fry Bread Competition (16 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds
Children's Fingerprinting - North Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center
2008 Honored Families - Darling, Slavin, Smith (until 10:45 a.m.)
2009 Honored Families - Acton, Bergeron, Curley, and all Veterans (until 10:45 a.m.)
Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center (until 10:30 a.m.)
Hand-Sewn Appliqué Class - Employment & Training Conference Room
Health Aid Foundation Information Booth - South Reunion Hall - closes at 2 p.m.
Caring for Your Feet - Wellness Center (until 2:00)
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (15 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds
Softball Tournament - Fields South of FireLake Discount Foods
Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds open until 5:00 p.m.
Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (14 & under) - Tribal HQ
Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters
Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds
Petting Zoo and Rides - Pow Wow Grounds
Trail of Death Movie - Potawatomi Church Building
Hot Dogs/Bratwursts/Smoked Bologna Served - West Side of Pow Wow Grounds ('til 10 p.m.)
Youth Art Competition (Ages 6-15) - FireLake Foods Parking Lot
Potawatomi Ceremonial Life- Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre

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10:00 a.m.

	Swimming Pool Open until 5:00 p.m. - Tribal Headquarters	6:00 p.m.	Cultural Heritage Center closes for the day
	Youth Coloring Contest (14 & under) - Tribal Headquarters	8:00 p.m.	Grand Entry/Dance - Pow Wow Grounds
	Archery Tournament - West of Pow Wow Grounds		
11:00 a.m.	Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center		
	2008 Honored Families - Hardin, Higbee, Lewis (until 12:45 p.m.)	7:00 a.m.	
	2009 Honored Families - Delonais, Greemore, Levier, and all Veterans (until 12:45 p.m.)	7:30 a.m.	
	Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center	8:00 a.m.	
	Youth Softball Throwing Contest (14 & under) - Tribal Headquarters		
11:30 a.m.	Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds (Served until 1:00 p.m.)		
1:00 p.m.	Tribal Heritage Family & Veteran Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center		
	2008 Honored Families - Bruno, Nadeau (until 2:45 p.m.)		
	2009 Honored Families - Negahnquet, Pambogo and all Veterans (until 2:45 p.m.)		
	Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center		
	Potawatomi Language Class - North Reunion Hall		
	Trail of Death Movie - Potawatomi Church Building	9:00 a.m.	
	Pow Wow Dance Lessons - Between North & South Reunion Halls		
	Youth Arts & Crafts (until 4:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters		
3:00 p.m.	General Council - Cultural Heritage Center		
	Adult Art Competition - CHC (During General Council)	10:00 a.m.	
5:00 p.m.	Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center		
	Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center		
	Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre	10:30 a.m.	
	Swimming Pools at Tribal Headquarters and Pow Wow Grounds close for the day	11:30 a.m.	
5:30 p.m.	Gourd Dancing - Round House	12:30 p.m.	
	Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds (Served until 7:30 p.m.)	1:00 p.m.	
		3:00 p.m.	

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008

Traditional Ceremonies - Prayer Circle/Sharp House
Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds (Served until 9:00 a.m.)
Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Heritage Center parking lot
Community Development Corporation, CPN Housing Authority, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, & First National Bank Booth Open - South Reunion Hall - (Open until Noon)
Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews (until 12:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center
Photo & Document Scanning (until 12:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center
Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre
Children’s Fingerprinting - North Reunion Hall (until 2:00 p.m.)
Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters
Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds
Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds open until 2:00 p.m.
Hot dogs/Bratwursts/Smoked Bologna Served - West Side of Pow Wow Grounds (until 2 p.m.)
Church Services - Church Just North of Health Clinic
Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds (Served until 1:00 p.m.)
Cultural Heritage Center Closes for the Weekend
Mini-Putt Tournament - FireLake Mini-Putt/Pow Wow Grounds
Volleyball Tournament - Grandstand Area

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searching storerooms, attics, and other repositories for their military memorabilia.

“We have formed an intratribal veterans organization,” Boursaw said. “We will use the Saturday meeting to explain it to any CPN veterans who are interested.”

Festival 2008 will honor eight of the Nation’s Founding Families: Bruno, Darling, Hardin, Higbee, Lewis, Nadeau, Slavin, and Smith. Special tents in the Nation’s Raymond Peltier Park will serve as sites for special events for members of these families and as places for them to gather to reminisce and renew old acquaintances.

The schedule of events for Festival 2008 retains the favorite activities that so many tribal members have enjoyed over the years. This festival will be the third at which a significant number of tribal members receive their Potawatomi language names.

With more activities than any single member can participate in ready and the grounds immaculately groomed, the administration of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and each of the more than 2,000 CPN employees extend a hearty and heartfelt invitation to all tribal members to attend Festival 2008 and create memories that will last a lifetime.



Clyde Yates, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member and Wanette resident, poses with Janet Petty, military affairs liaison to U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin, after receiving his long-overdue Vietnam-era medals in a ceremony at the Oklahoma History Center.

In a ceremony at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City this morning (Friday, May 23), Citizen Potawatomi Nation member/Wanette, Oklahoma resident Clyde Yates and 21 other veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War belatedly received medals they earned decades ago. U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin (Rep.-Tecumseh) spearheaded work on restoring the medals to the warriors.

Rep. Fallin was scheduled to present the medals but was unable to as a result of remaining in Washington, D.C. until late Thursday to vote on legislation affecting the U.S. military. She was represented at the ceremony by Janet Petty, Fallin's military affairs liaison. Petty performed much of the detail and logistics work to ensure the 22 veterans would finally receive the symbols of their sacrifice.

Yates earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation with one bronze oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze stars, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He was in the U.S. Army from 1967 through 1971.

Potawatomi Gathering Bus Trip

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide free bus travel to the annual "Gathering of the Nations" at Walpole Island, near Ontario, Canada, for tribal members and their immediate families. A chartered bus will leave the CPN headquarters at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. Gathering dates are August 8-10, 2008. The bus will leave to return home on Sunday, August 10, 2008. It will arrive at the Potawatomi Nation headquarters on Monday, August 11.

A \$50 per passenger refundable deposit is required. Tribal members who attend the Gathering will be responsible for their own food, lodging, and incidentals expenses. To reserve a seat on the bus or obtain more information, please call Cathie Hanson at 275-3121 or 800-880-9880.

Because of higher travel costs, the bus must be at full capacity if the Nation is to make the trip. The Nation reserves the right to cancel the trip upon notice to participants. All deposits will be refunded if the trip is cancelled.

Member headed to Superseries tournament

CPN member C.J. Jennings, in his fifth year in baseball, has an opportunity to play in the opening round of the Superseries Summer Nationals tournament. Jennings' team, the Noble, Oklahoma Dodgers, has qualified for the tournament, which is set to begin on July 24 in Breckenridge, Colorado.

The 10-year-old played for a team in Little Axe, Oklahoma in his first four years. He was selected to play this season with the Dodgers. The Dodgers finished first in their pre-season tournament and have participated in 10 different tournaments this season. The team has won all but two of those tournaments, and has lost just three games all season. Their record as the *HowNiKan* went to press was 47-7.

C.J.'s mother, Holli Jennings, says, "C.J. plays third base and is one of the Dodgers' pitchers. He can steal bases every time he gets on base. He loves baseball, football, and basketball. However, baseball is his favorite sport."

The young Potawatomi is looking forward to his major tournament opportunity. He attended baseball camp the first week



CPN member C.J. Jennings watches the ball's flight in a Noble Dodgers' game. The Dodgers will play in a Superseries Summer Nationals tournament in Colorado in July.

of June, improving his skills and learning many useful tips. "He has all ready been able to put to some of this to effective use, such as bunting in just the right spot to

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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation

**Presents
The 3rd Annual
Josh Heupel
"Day of Champions"
Football Camp**

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July 18 - 19, 2008
Time: 8 AM - 3 PM
Ages: 7-14 boys & girls**

Bethel High School Football Field

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On Saturday, each child can bring a parent or guardian to spend the day working as a team in all types of competition. Don't forget water and shoes!!



Camp limited to first 120 applicants. Sign up now!

For a "Day of Champions" football camp application, go to www.potawatomi.org/Downloads/Downloads_GetFile.aspx?id=737 or call Jack Barrett at 802-2264. Registration deadline is July 1.

Sacred restoration**Sacred Heart cabin, spring house returned to original appearance**

By Virginia Bradshaw - Shawnee News-Star Contributing Writer

A historic and holy site in south Pottawatomie County has taken a step further into the past. Additional structures, including a log cabin and a spring house, have been restored at Sacred Heart Mission, the forerunner to St. Gregory's University and a significant part of Catholicism in Oklahoma. "It looks just like the old, old pictures," Art Muller, Citizen Potawatomi Nation environmental director, said of the recently restored log cabin, believed to be the first structure built at Sacred Heart Mission School.

For sure, "it was one of the oldest structures down here," Muller said. The two-story cabin is thought to have been built in 1876 as the first home of Sacred Heart founders the Rev. Isidore Robot and Brother Dominic Lambert, members of the Order of St. Benedict and originally from France.

A spring house also has been renovated at picturesque Benedict Spring about a half-mile north of where the main mission complex once stood. The next project is repairing the roof and replacing windows broken by vandals in the stone bakery near the two-story cabin, Muller said.

Sacred Heart flourished as a school for Native Americans and other territorial youth during the last 24 years of the 19th century on 640 acres northwest of Konawa. The land was given to the Catholic Church in the mid-1800s by the newly relocated Citizen Potawatomi, who wanted a place to worship and educate their children.

The cabin has been restored to its original condition by Trillium Dell Construction Company, the Galesburg, Ill., historic site renovation firm that restored the more than 125-year-old Bourbonnais cabin at the northeast corner of the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center between Tecumseh and Shawnee.

The \$205,000 Sacred Heart cabin project started in late March 2007 and was finished in December. The restoration was funded by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

One large room is on each of the two floors, connected by a steep stairway. A covered porch is also on each level. Floors are finished in a type of hardwood. As in the Bourbonnais cabin project, some of the original logs were taken to Illinois for



After and Before: These photos depict the contrast between the condition of the log cabin at the Sacred Heart Mission before the recent restoration and following it.

restoration. "The better logs stayed here," Muller said. All are original logs, he added.

The logs were dismantled and reinked with Elasticometric, a resilient material that expands and contracts with weather conditions. Like they were in 1876, the logs were reconstructed with dovetailed joints, a construction technique of that day. The Bourbonnais cabin walls also were dovetailed and have withstood two tornadoes, Muller said.

Early day pictures show the Sacred Heart cabin standing near a large frame church, across from the bakery and the large, main school building. Muller and others familiar with old Sacred Heart photographs and the site are "pretty sure" one of the trees in a long-ago cabin picture is standing near it today. It is a gnarled bois d'arc.

Joe Rosser and Kyle Steward, both of Tecumseh and Citizen Potawatomi Nation employees, rebuilt the upper part of the spring house at Benedict Spring in the same manner that the roof and its supports were built in the late 1800s. The upper part was in such disrepair that Rosser and Steward knocked it down in minutes, but it took them 28 days to rebuild it.

The bark of cedar logs cut at the site was peeled off by hand with a draw knife and spoke shave, a tool used to make wooden spokes for wagon wheels.

Still in good condition were well-built stone walls perhaps 4 feet high and topped with decorative stonework evidently done by a professional-class stone mason years ago. They form the lower part of the struc-



ture. A curved, topped niche on one side once held a statue, the men said.

The spring water probably comes out of an embankment immediately behind the wall bearing the niche and flows under a stone floor, Rosser and Steward said. Outside the wall, it runs into what appears to be a large old crock, about 2 1/2 feet deep.

From the crock, the spring water is

pipled into a pool shaped like a cross and framed with concrete. The part running east-west is "deeper than rubber boots," the men said. They speculated that it might have been a baptismal font.

Beyond it is a large outline of a heart, framed in native stones. The entire area around the cross-shaped pool and heart is overgrown with water cress. "There are rumors that they brought it over with them (from Europe)," the men said.

An earthen dam forming one side of a small lake is on the east side of the spring house. Although it was muddy this week from recent heavy rains, the lake normally is clear, as is a little stream that crosses the road between the main mission site and the spring house.

Rosser and Steward built a concrete crossing over the streamlet and graveled the one-lane road that leads to Benedict Spring. It runs through a wooded area dotted this week with flowering dogwoods.

A number of small trees called "Crown of Thorns," because each branch is covered with big, sharp thorns, will have white flowers even larger than dogwood blooms, they said. It also may have been brought

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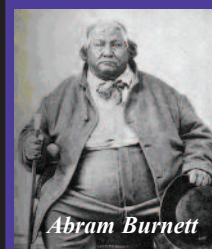
Paul Wesselhöft

CPN Legislative District #9

Paul served as a Sergeant during the Vietnam era and is a retired U.S. Army (Airborne-Ranger) Chaplain. Major Wesselhöft is a Veteran of the First Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield, Desert Storm) serving in the frontline offensive for the successful liberation of Kuwait from Iraq.

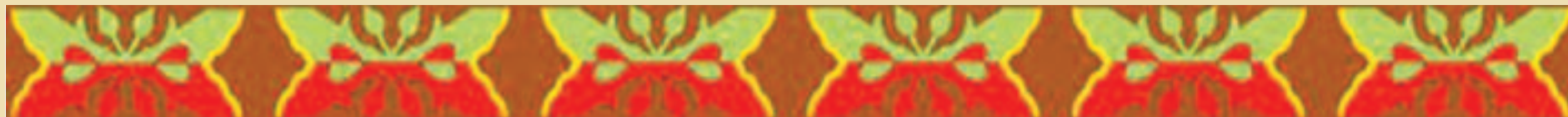
Paul Wesselhöft, M.A., M.Div. is currently serving our state as a State Representative, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 54; Moore and South Oklahoma City.; he organized, and is a founding member of, the 18 member Native American Caucus for the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Representative Wesselhöft serves the State Legislature as Vice-Chairman of the Joint (House/Senate) Committee on State-Tribal Relations and serves the National Congress of American Indians on their national committees for Education, and Economic Development.



Paul, a fifth generation Oklahoman, is married 31 years to Judy; they have two children: Justin & Holly. He is a natural leader in the lineage of his great-great-grandfather, Chief Abraham Burnett. Paul is an experienced leader in our state and nation, and with your vote, promises to serve our tribe with distinction as a legislative leader for the Potawatomi Nation.

I am asking for your continued support and prayers. I thank you tremendously.- Paul Wesselhöft.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center and FireLake Gifts Preserving Potawatomi Heritage

Collections Corner by Stacy S. Coon

Well, it looks like festival time is upon us once again ladies and gentleman. With that said, I encourage all of you to come to the Cultural Heritage Center and check out some of the changes that have been taking place since Festival '07. And if you have any questions at all, feel free to stop in! See You Soon!!

We've made these additions:

- The Veterans' Wall **Expansion**.
- **Expanded** forest area in the 7 Fires Exhibit.
- New display cases added to the museum floor including an 1895 footlocker from Carlisle Indian School, Pennsylvania.
- 2008 Honored Family History DVDs available for viewing in the 'Voices of Heritage' Theater.
- The new, hands-on Children's Exhibit simulating traditional Potawatomi life-ways.

Tribal Heritage Project By Grant Brittan

During the upcoming 2008 Family Reunion Festival, we would like to invite you to visit the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee for a video interview. These interviews will be incorporated into your family's DVD and be made available to future generations.

This year's honored families are Darling, Slavin, Smith, Hardin, Higbee,

Lewis, Nadeau, and Bruno. Each of the current and past honored families will be able to purchase their family history DVD at the Cultural Heritage Center. Each of these families as well as the 2009 Honored Families has an appointed time and interview location for their interviews in the Cultural Heritage Center. Please note the Tribal Heritage Project program in your festival goodie bag.

Tribal members with family documents, photos or oral histories are urged to contact the Archives staff. This information will be used in writing a script for a video documentary of the Trail of Death and the subsequent migration to Indian Territory. We are especially interested in the routes which Citizen Band members used to travel from Kansas to Indian Territory, the number of days required to reach their destination, and the conditions which they met upon their arrival. To schedule an interview please contact:

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CPN Veterans Organization

All CPN veterans coming to the 2008 Family Reunion Festival are reminded to register with representatives of the CPN Veterans Organization in the South Reunion Hall. At the same time, you will have the opportunity to join or renew your membership in the organization. They will also have a distinctive T-shirt with the CPN Veterans Organization logo on back available for purchase. When you register, be sure to get your ticket for the drawing for the "Grateful Nation" Pendleton blanket at the Veterans Meeting on Saturday morning. You must be present to win.

The Veterans Meeting will be held in the Long Room of the Cultural Heritage Center at 0800 hrs, Saturday, 28 Jun 08. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be available.

Activities include a presentation by Craig Anderson, a member of the Anderson family, highlighting his trip to a remote island in the South Pacific in search of a WWII plane crash. A couple of new videos will be shown during the meeting as well.

If you haven't seen the Tribal Veterans' Wall of Honor lately, we have added several new veterans display cases, dozens of additional photos, and two new banners since the last Festival.

Archival Notebook

R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist

In 2007, the Tribal Archives added 23 new collections to its permanent holdings from tribal members who graciously donated and/or loaned materials during that year's Family Reunion Festival. With this in mind, I encourage all tribal members, young and old, to donate and/or loan any historical, genealogical, and cultural material at this year's Festival.

I recommend that anyone interested in donating and/or loaning materials to the Cultural Heritage Center contact the Tribal Archives prior to the 2008 Festival and have the appropriate documentation sent back. Having this documentation completed, prior to the Festival will make the donation process faster and easier.

We must continue collecting and preserving this material, in order to provide tribal members, visitors, and scholars an

in-depth, accurate look at Potawatomi life.

Additionally, if you are interested in obtaining materials dealing with your ancestral family, please contact the Tribal Archives for more information about our Family History Collection.

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Kudos for CPN member David Bourbonnais**Letter carrier delivers comfort to resident who fell**

By Amanda Gire, Shawnee News-Star Staff Writer

SHAWNEE, Okla. — A mail carrier's main responsibility is to deliver letters and packages, but one Shawnee carrier went above and beyond the call of duty to help a resident in need. Citizen Potawatomi Nation member David Bourbonnais has been with the Shawnee Post Office for more than 33 years but, until May 1, 2008, it had been business as usual. On that day, Bourbonnais faced a situation he had not encountered before - providing physical assistance to someone on his mail route.

In a letter to the Shawnee postmaster, the resident said, "I pushed the button I wear around my neck (Lifeline alert) to get help, but help came from another direction." Bourbonnais said as soon as he arrived at the house of the 76-year-old resident to deliver her mail, he noticed she had fallen. She was conscious, but "visibly shaken" by the fall, he said. "It wasn't a life-or-death situation, but I wanted to calm her down and help her," he said.

After moving her from the doorway and making sure she was calm and comfortable, Bourbonnais called 9-1-1 to make sure the Lifeline call had gone to dispatch. He then stayed with her until the fire department arrived.

"It's nothing that letter carriers across the United States don't do every day," he

said. "It was just my turn to do something."

Bourbonnais said he was happy to help, and this resident isn't the only one he looks after on his route. He said he checks on several elderly residents as he delivers the mail to make sure they are fine. For many, he hand-delivers their mail.

While Bourbonnais said it was just something he felt he needed to do, the resident said it meant more to her. She wrote a letter to the Shawnee Post Office commending Bourbonnais for his service and his help. "Mr. David Bourbonnais is not just my mailman, now he's my hero and my friend," she said.

Bourbonnais isn't the only member of his family being recognized for his service to the mail carrier business. His brother, Larry Bourbonnais, was recognized by the August Court homeowners for his service to the neighborhood. "He is the finest person any of us has ever had to service our mail," the homeowners' letter said. "He is extremely friendly, accurate, accommodating and always has a smile for everyone."

Most of the residents on his route are retired, and the residents said they are grateful to have him as their carrier.

Commenting on the news story about David Bourbonnais' act of kindness on the News-Star Web site, some Shawnee-area



David Bourbonnais

residents added additional praise. Karen Owens Nix said, "I went to high school with David. He was a nice guy then. This act of kindness does not surprise me at all. It is nice to know there are still people like David in this world."

K. Gray wrote, "I don't know Mr. David Bourbonnais, or the person he helped, but it's nice to hear of people like him doing good things for others. Thank you Mr. Bourbonnais for your service (delivering the mail) and your assistance to others."

Potawatomi Baseballer, con't from page 4



C.J. Jennings (#7, on the front row) and his Noble Dodgers teammates are headed to the Superseries Summer Nationals tournament in Colorado in July.

make sure he reaches first safely while advancing any runners who are already on base," Holli Jennings said.

C.J.'s Dodgers are in the 10-and-under age group. His mother backs his athletic participation: "This is a good game that can teach great life lessons. He has learned to be part of a team, to think about others, kindness, sportsmanship, and, above all, to be thankful for his talent. He is also helping kids younger than himself to learn the right way to play the game."

John Buol coaches the Dodgers. Buol says this of C.J. Jennings, "We feel very lucky to have C.J. on our team. This is C.J.'s first year with the Dodgers, and he is a great young man. He plays third-base for us most of the time, and also pitches and plays some outfield. He has a great bat and great speed. He has been a tremendous team player, and we look forward to having him for many more years."

At press time, C.J.'s Dodgers had six more regular league games and was in first place. The teams remaining on the Dodgers' schedule are some they have already defeated.

The Jennings family, part of the Nation's Higbee family, faces the task of raising some \$2,000 to pay for the trip to Colorado and lodging and meal expenses during the stay there.

C.J.'s great-great grandmother was Anna Higbee Marsee. His great-grandmother was France Marsee Smith. His grandmother is Cynthia Smith Davis. His mother is Holli Winkelman Jennings.

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FireLake Car Show Returns

FireLake Grand Casino, FireLake Casino, and Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted the 2008 FireLake Car Show on Saturday, June 7 at FireLake Grand Casino, located at I-40 and exit 178 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The annual FireLake Car Show started in 2004 and quickly grew to become a popular attraction statewide among car enthusiasts.

"The FireLake Car Show is a car lover's dream come true," said Brad Peltier, Director of Marketing for FireLake Grand Casino. "Our parking lot was filled with rows of muscle cars and street rods. People brought their tents, lawn chairs, and families to enjoy all the fun".

Car enthusiasts enjoyed looking at street rods, muscle cars, imports, trucks, and motorcycles. The classes ranged from original to modified vehicles; automotive eras represented ranged from pre-1949 to present-day and there was a "Special Interest" category. "Spectators never know what they'll see in the Special Interest cat-



Ironically, the owner of this thematically-designed PT Cruiser has two degrees from West Virginia University.

egory," added Peltier. "We have had everything from antique fire trucks to jet boats."

Admission was free and concession stands were set up for guests to purchase beverages and snack items. Registered vehicles were contestant-judged and received cash prizes for first, second, and third place in each of several categories. Additionally, a "Best of Show" prize was



The FireLake Grand Car Show featured a plethora of brightly-painted, interestingly tricked-out vehicles.

awarded.

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FireLake Grand's net gaming revenue goes to support the state's public education efforts. Dining options range from the elegant Embers Steakhouse to casual choices like the area's most popular buffet, the Grand Buffet. The Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178. More information is available at www.FireLakeGrand.com.



Rock legends Three Dog Night performed at FireLake Grand recently. Michael Allsup, an Oklahoman, is Three Dog Night's guitarist.

2008 Family Reunion Festival Honored Families

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Lewis, Nadeau, Slavin, Smith**

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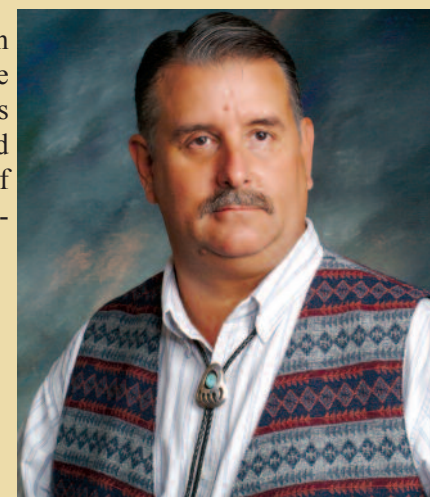
I have more than nine years experience in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Government. I have served the Nation on both the Grievance Committee, for five years and the Business Committee, for four years. During my time of service to the Nation, we have seen increases in tribal members' benefits. We have doubled the Burial Assistance program, Scholarships have increased dramatically, and we have increased the opportunity to learn our native language. The construction and completion of our Cultural Heritage Center has been accomplished. Our economic base has expanded with the addition of new businesses, and we have increased our presence in the gaming industry which will allow us to make more improvements in the future. I was instrumental in bringing our new expanded form of government to the Nation.

Education: Undergraduate degrees in Social Science and Industrial Design and Drafting; Graduate degree in Educational Administration.

Work experience: 14 years as a Mechanical Design Engineer for Seagate Technologies; 15 years as an Educator at Gordon Cooper Technology Center.

Volunteer/Community Relations: Past member of the Board of Directors for United Way for 4 years; Adult volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, currently serving on the Council Board of Directors, 20-plus years; Sunday School Teacher/Youth Group Sponsor for 5 years.

Family: I have been married to my wife Janie for almost 30 years. I have two wonderful children, Candace and Bryan, and three grandchildren, Colton, Megan, and Nick.



Dist. #12 Rep. Paul Schmidlkofer

I ask for your vote in my upcoming election. Please allow me to continue to serve you. Migwetch.

Paul Schmidlkofer – Legislative District #12

Language Department News

NSWÉ MKOEK - THREE BEARS



Wizawa winses gi mijen nswe mkoek otmin Iw se gi mbewak mkos wde-mbagenem. Goldilocks samples the three Bears' porridge then is found asleep in Baby Bear's bed.



This story was originally presented by Jim Thunder at the 2000 Potawatomi Gathering in Cran-don, Wisconsin. I made a few minor alterations to fit our dialect and writing system. But, for the most part, I left it the way it was written. I am sure each of you remember the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. I hope you enjoy and learn some Potawatomi from this version.
– Justin Neely, Language Program Director

Zam gshabote i nde ottmnen. (My oatmeal is too hot.) Nin geshe. Zam gshabote i nde ottmnen. (Mine also is too hot.) Nin ge she. Zam gshabote i nde ottmnen. (My oatmeal is also too hot.)

Nedwendan mtegwakik ewi pamseyan. (I want to go for a walk in the forest.) Nin ge she, nedwendan mtegwakik. (Me also, i want to go to the forest.) Nin ge she, nedwendan mtegwakik. (Me also i want to go to the forest.)

Oh! Wigwames, nedwendan ewi bidgeyan. (Oh! A little house, i want to go inside.) Nedwendan ewi wisneyan. (I want to eat.) Zam gshabote i otmin. (The oatmeal is too hot.) Ode ge she i otmin. (This oatmeal is, also.) Ode wishe minwagme. (This is

just right.)

Nedwendan ewi jipdebyan. (I want to sit down.) Zam mshamget ode pedyebwen. (This chair is too big.)

Ode gashe zam mshamget i pedyebwen. (This chair is also too big.) Oh! Bikshwamget i pedyebwen. (Oh!, the chair is broken.)

Nedwendan ewi mbayan. (I want to go to bed.) Zam wish ge yamget ode mbagen. (This bed is too hard.)

Zam nokya ode mbagen. (This bed is too soft.) Ode wishe wenet. (This one is good.)

Wi ye gi nshonajton nde ottminen. (Someone messed up my oatmeal.) Nin geshe. (Mine also.) Wiye gi jagdan i nde ottminen. (Someone ate up all my oatmeal.) Wiye gi jipdebe i nde pdeyebwen. (Someone sat in my chair.) Nin geshe wi gi jipdebe i nde pdeyabwen. (Mine, also. Someone sat in my chair.) Wiye gi bokshkan i nde pdeyebwen. (Someone broke my chair.)

Wiye gi nshonajbedon i mbagen. (Someone messed up my bed.) Nin geshe wiye gi nshonajbedon i mbagen. (Mine, also. Someone messed it up.) Wiye mbewak shi mbagenek. (Someone is sleeping in my bed.)

Ni je ezh ne kas yen? (What is your name?) Nedwendan ewi giweyan. (I want to go home!)

Vocabulary List for The Three Bears

1. Nswe- three
2. Mkoek or Mkok - Bears. Mko - bear. (with a k added, it makes it bears.
3. Zam - means too much. Zam don - too much mouth
4. Gshabote - it is hot (in reference to a liquid). Gzhede is in reference to an object and gshate is in reference to the weather.
5. Nin ge she - Me, also. Nin - I ge - also. (she is called an emphatic or emphasizer.)
6. Nedwendan - I want
7. Mtegwakik - in the forest. Mtekwaki - forest with the k added it is called a locative, so it means at on or near, hence, in the forest.
8. ew - future tense
9. pamse - to walk around. Bmose - is also to walk by.
10. yan - at the end of. pamse indicated I in the conjunct form.
11. Wigwames - little house. Wigwam - house. With the es it means little. This is called a diminutive. (Examples: Nemosh - dog, Nemoshes - a puppy. Koman - knife, Komanes - little knife.
12. Ode - this. Ode ge she - Also, this.
13. jipdebe - the verb to sit. Jiptebyan - I sit
14. Zam Mshamget - it is too big. Zam - too. mshamget - it is big.
15. Pedyebwen - northern word for chair. Literally, some you put your cheeks on. Jiptebwen - another word for chair (a thing for sitting)
16. Bikshkwamget- It is broken. There are a couple of ways to talk about something being broken. Bokshka is a another.
17. mba - the verb to sleep. So ewi mba yan - I am going to or want to go to sleep.
18. Zam wishgeyamget - It is too hard.
19. Zam nokya - It is too soft. Nokya - verb it is soft.
20. Wenet - it is good.
21. Wiye - somebody
22. Nshonajdon - messed it up.
23. Nin ge she - Mine, also.
24. Jagdon - ate it all up.
25. bokshkan - it is broken
26. mbagen - bed. mbagenek - in the bed.
27. Mbewak - he/she is sleeping
28. mbagenek - in my bed. With the ek it means at on or near. So, in my bed.
29. Ni je ezhnekasyen? - What is your name?
30. ewi giweyan- I am going to go home. Giwe- verb to go home.

On Tuesday, June 24, the CPN Language Department initiated a new beginners-level class. "Survival Potawatomi" will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the conference room adjacent to the Human Resources Department's new location. This is the former Employment & Training Program conference room.

The Potawatomi Language Program staff invites you to participate in our Family Reunion Festival activities. We will have a language class at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27 in Reunion Hall North. And, Don Perrot will have presentations on the "Ceremonial Life of the Potawatomis" at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 in the Cultural Heritage Center.

We hope each of you can attend the 2008 Reunion Festival, June 27-29.

Quality Housing for Quality People



* The CPN offers a quality-of-life upgrade at its CPN Elders Village in beautiful, friendly Rossville, Kansas. The spacious housing units offer two bedrooms and come equipped with ALL major appliances.

* All of this is available for a sliding scale rent that maxes out at \$250/month. **YOU WILL PAY NO MORE THAT !!**

* For a short time only, your seventh month is free with a one-year commitment.

* We are developing a shuttle service to transport our Potawatomi residents to locations in Rossville and nearby Topeka for medically necessary reasons.



* The CPN Elders Village is a short walk or a quick car trip from anything you need in Rossville. Topeka, the Kansas capitol, with all the shopping, entertainment, medical services, and other amenities you need is a very short 15-minute trip away.

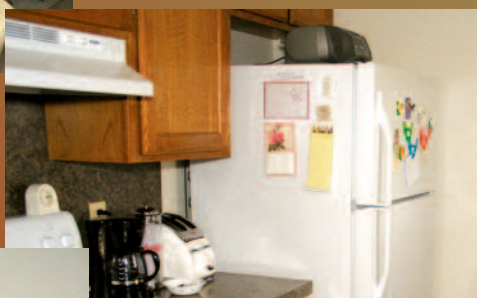
* Rossville is traditional Potawatomi land; reminders of our past are everywhere. The people of Rossville are very welcoming and accommodating.



* Groups of Potawatomis from in and around Rossville are using the community center for social activities and learning opportunities. Recently, there have been dress-making and powwow dance classes.



Your home can be like this - with a spacious living area and bedrooms along with a well-equipped kitchen and utility room!!



The Kansas capitol, Topeka, is a 15-minute drive away, with plenty of shopping and lots of recreational activities, from a top-notch zoo to the trails in Shanga Park to the Summer Nationals drag-racing event.

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Clinic Notes

by Randy Hall, M. P. H.

Greetings to each of you from the members of the Medical Staff and all the employees at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services. I want to devote the lion's share of this month's article to a facet of your Health Services program which is one of the most important services we provide and, at the same time, one of the least well understood – Contract Health Services.

The CPN Health Services is a primary care program – that is, your CPNHS physicians, mid-level providers, dentists, and counselors have the first professional contact with patients seeking care and services. In many cases, the primary care provider is able to manage the complete episode of care from assessment of the patient's illness or injury and diagnosis of the problem to formulation of a treatment plan and finally resolution of the issue and discharge.

But what happens when the primary care provider feels that his patient or client would benefit from secondary or specialty care or even in-patient services? This is the point at which your Contract Health Services (CHS) staff gets involved.

Your primary care provider will determine what type of specialty care or in-patient services are required and forward a referral request to the Contract Health Services Department, where the referral is reviewed and processed. Normally, referrals for routine care are processed and appointments made in two to three business days. Referrals requiring prompt attention, known as "ASAP referrals," are processed immediately.

Once an appointment is made with the in-patient facility or specialty provider, the patient is notified of the date, time, and location of her appointment. It is important to understand that the Contract Health Services staff will always attempt to arrange a referral made by a primary care provider, regardless of whether or not CHS funds are available to pay for the referral. CHS staff members never "deny" the referral; if the primary care provider orders it, they attempt to arrange it even though it might ultimately be up to the patient or his/her insurer to pay the bills.

This brings me to the question most frequently asked about Contract Health Services. People want to know why, if



Clinic director Randy Hall discusses health issues with clinic staffer Vickie Canfield.

their primary provider makes a referral to a specialist or in-patient facility for them, funds are not always available to pay for the referral. Good question!! After all, if the doctor, dentist, or counselor feels additional care is needed, why doesn't the Health Services have the money to pay for it?

While the answer to this oft-asked question is easy, it is never satisfactory. The answer, in a word, is scarcity. While the federal government acknowledges the responsibility to provide funds for health care for Native Americans who are members of federally-recognized tribes and nations, the funds which are provided are not sufficient – not by a long shot. Now, and for the last several years, we have been funded at about 30 or 35% of our actual level of need.

I personally think that range is higher than the actual level of funding, but even if it is accurate, those numbers indicate that 65-to-70% of the funds we need to pay for comprehensive care for our patient population are not forthcoming from the federal agencies responsible for providing them.

We are fortunate that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been willing and able to supplement federal funds with money generated from operations. Last year, the Nation more than doubled the federal stipend with its own contribution. But even with the additional tribally-pro-

vided dollars, there simply is not enough money to fund all patients' needs for Contract Health Services.

We are forced to prioritize the care and services that we do purchase to keep from running out of money well before the end of the fiscal year. To do that, we employ a case management and medical review committee consisting of a physician, a contract health services specialist, and two registered nurses to review every request for funds and determine which of them can be funded and which can not.

I have observed the committee at work for the last six years, and I can tell you that they absolutely never take a request lightly. They understand the financial consequences their decisions can have on patients and their families, and they literally agonize over many of their decisions. Ultimately though, the committee is unable to approve funding for every request, even some that are legitimate, properly submitted, and meet all the criteria for funding.

The committee members employ a set of flexible guidelines during their deliberations. These guidelines enable them to prioritize requests according to need and medical necessity. Requests that involve care that is clearly needed to preserve life, limb, or eyesight are almost invariably approved and paid. Normally, the committee members will not approve funds to pay

for care or services which are required as a result of a criminal act. Often, they are unable to approve funds to pay for services required due to illness or injury which is self-inflicted.

Payment for care for injuries incurred while participating in an activity known to be "high risk" or dangerous may be denied as well. Individuals who go to an emergency room for treatment of non-emergency illness or injury that could have been addressed in a less costly setting may have to pay for that care. Likewise, care or services obtained from a "non-Indian" provider when an IHS, tribally-operated, or Urban Indian facility was available might not qualify for CHS funding.

Individuals who have had requests for payment of care or services declined by the case management and medical review committee can appeal the committee's decision to the Contract Health Services Coordinator and the Health Services Director. Appeals are addressed within 30 days of receipt and the appellant is notified in writing of the decision.

I advise everyone who has an opportunity to sign up for health benefit coverage through his workplace or a spouse's employer to take advantage the coverage without fail. Ditto for Medicare Part B! These programs might cost a few bucks – they may even cost big bucks. But they can save you thousands and give you real peace-of-mind. Relying solely on the historically and perpetually underfunded CHS system to pay for secondary and tertiary care when alternative health benefit plans are available to you is simply not a good plan.

I hope this has given you the basis for a better understanding of your Contract Health Services Department's function. It is a complex, often frustrating process, and our five CHS employees and the members of the medical review committee perform an extremely challenging and often thankless job extremely well and with a great deal of pride.

Finally, a reminder: Citizen Potawatomi who are 63 years of age or older are eligible for pharmacy services through the CPN Mail Order Pharmacy (C-MOP). If you would like more information about C-MOP, please call 866-900-5236 to talk with a C-MOP pharmacist.

We'll see you at Family Reunion Festival '08!

Shane Cory honored for work as LP executive director CPN member is a political 'Rising Star'

Campaigns & Elections' Politics magazine has named its 2008 Rising Stars. One of them is a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member and was a candidate for the Nation's new legislature – Shane Michael Cory of Alexandria, Virginia.

One of the most prestigious honors in politics, the award goes to people 35 or under who have already made a significant mark in political consulting or advocacy. The magazine chose 10 Democrats, 10 Republicans and five nonpartisan leaders this year out of a pool of several hundred nominees.

"The number of nominations this year was three times higher than last year," said Politics Editor-in-Chief Bill Beaman. "It has never been harder to select our Rising Stars, especially given the impressive pool of nominees."

Politics magazine says this about Cory: **"Shane Cory 33, Nonpartisan** - When Shane Cory took over the helm of the Libertarian National Committee in 2005, he worked overtime to turn the financial situation of the organization around. After 9/11, the LNC suffered financially due to a lack of contributions and other budgetary constraints. But slowly, largely through direct mail efforts, Cory stabilized the LNC's finances, and even brought them into the black.

"His prudence served the organization well, along with his constant mantra of thriftiness to his staffers. There was the time, for instance, that he decided to remove the office water cooler. No, it wasn't a prank; he apparently didn't want people lolling around the machine wasting time. Late this spring, Cory moved on from the LNC to take a position as president of the Internet division at American



CPN member Shane Cory has earned a signal honor from the nationally distributed Politics magazine.

Target Advertising, as well as to serve as a senior political adviser to Libertarian Party presidential candidate Bob Barr."

Past Rising Stars have included David Axelrod, Paul Begala, Donna Brazile, James Carville, Alex Castellanos, Rahm Emanuel, Ed Gillespie, Alexis Herman, Karen Hughes, Laura Ingraham, Celinda Lake, Jim Pinkerton, Ralph Reed, and George Stephanopoulos. This year's recipients will be honored at a special reception, sponsored by Micro Target Media, at the 25th annual Campaigns & Elections campaign training seminar, "The Art of Political Campaigning," on June 12 in Washington, D.C.

Relative Search

CPN member Beverly Willoughby is attempting to find a cousin whom she has not contacted in 20 to 25 years. Ms. Willoughby says the cousin's name is Julie Ann (Sousa) Fullam Warner. Ms. Willoughby remembers her cousin living in West Brookfield, Massachusetts at last contact.

Ms. Willoughby says Mamie Echohawk is a common relative for the pair. She is an aunt of both Ms. Willoughby and Ms. Warner.

Ms. Willoughby, who now lives in Pollock Pines, California, asked that anyone who has information about Ms. Warner contact the *HowNiKan*.

Organ Donor Survey Planned

Family Reunion Festival 2008 will offer Citizen Potawatomi Nation members an opportunity to participate in groundbreaking research on attitudes toward organ donation. Satara Armstrong, an assistant professor at East Central (Oklahoma) State University and a doctoral student, will have a booth at the Festival from which she will ask tribal members to take five minutes to complete a survey.

"I will be looking at how much CPN members know about organ donation, what they think about it, and how willing they are to donate," Armstrong said. The survey contains several questions. However, most who take it should be able to finish in five minutes or less.

In addition to questions meant to learn about CPN members' willingness to donate organs, the survey will measure their knowledge of the subject and whether they believe some of the many myths about organ donation.

In appreciation for the members' taking time to complete the survey, Armstrong said, the Nation has provided FireLake Enterprises vouchers in the amount of \$5 for each person who does so. She needs 300 completed surveys for her results to be statistically reliable as representative of CPN members' attitudes.

Armstrong said she is excited about the opportunity to collect data during Festival. "This is the best place for me (to conduct the survey), because everybody's going to be in one place at one time," she said.

Attitudes of Native American tribal members toward this subject is understudied and not well understood, according to Armstrong. "The interpreted data in the literature on this issue is really limited to reservation-dwelling tribes in the northern states," Armstrong said. "This is an area of research that we really need to look at."

Armstrong added: "When we talk about contemporary Native Americans, we need to know what different tribe's members' views are, so that we can plan public health programs accordingly."

Festival attendees will be from most states in the United States and from different socio-economic backgrounds. That is very good for her survey's purposes, Armstrong said. "I need people from diverse economic backgrounds, geographic backgrounds. I need males and females. If you're 18 or older (and a CPN member), I want you to complete a survey."

Armstrong said that, with assistance from the CPN clinic staff, her booth in Reunion Hall South will be manned for the entirety of the three-day Festival.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ALL-INDIAN OPEN 2008

Dates: August 1 (Scramble), August 2 and August 3 (Individual Stroke-Handicap Play)

Where: FireLake Golf Course in Shawnee, Oklahoma

Times: August 1 - 8 a.m. Shotgun Start/August 2 and 3 - 8 a.m. Tee Times

Cost: \$25 for scramble only (CASH PRIZES!)

Cost: \$100 for weekend stroke play tournament (CASH PRIZES!)

Cost: \$125 for all 3 days

Format for scramble: Blind draw

Format for weekend stroke play tournament: We will have two divisions. One for stroke play (No handicap) and one for stroke play (Handicap deducted). You must have a USGA, GHIN, or pro-attested handicap to be eligible for handicap division.

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Stroke Play	No Handicap	Handicap Division
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2nd	\$600	\$450
3rd	\$500	\$400
4th	\$450	\$350
5th	\$400	\$300

Sixth through tenth places also pay. Prize fund is based on 100 players.



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Legislators' Columns

Dist. #1 Rep. Roy Slavin

Bosho,

I am currently in the process of setting up our District #1 office at 6730 Tower Dr., Kansas City, MO 64151. The phone has been installed, The toll free number is 866-741-5767. For local calls, the number is 741-5767. Please feel free to call if you have questions, comments, or concerns about CPN enterprises or services you would like to discuss or have questions about.

One of the major concerns during the recent legislative meeting was the poor vote count in the elections, Less than 4% for District #1. I attribute this to lack of interest, and lack of interest equates to poor communications and that's **MY** problem. In an effort to correct this I will not only have the toll free number but two e-mail addresses - RSlavin@potawatomi.org and rjslavin@sbcglobal.net You may also call me on my home phone, 816-741-8480 or my cell phone 816-507-2861.

My promise to you is that I will answer all e-mails and do my very best to answer any questions you may have. If I can't answer them, I will get the answer for you. My goal is to communicate with each person in District #1 during the coming year so please start the ball rolling with an e-mail or phone call, if nothing more than to say Hi.

I am on the Health and Human Services Committee. It will oversee elder care, housing, health facilities, licensing and inspections, the office of environmental health, the health aids foundation, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)



nutrition program, and veterans.

I am also on the Education Committee, which covers employment and training, scholarships, child development, higher education, and job pride. If you have an interest in the areas these committees will oversee or if you would like to see changes in them, your input will be greatly appreciated.

Our family is one of the honor families this year at the Family Reunion Festival and will have a tent with the Slavin banner, I will have a table set up in our tent to greet those of you who stop by. I am looking forward to seeing you at Shawnee.

Ketchitwawenindowen, Debwewen, Gwekwadzewen, Wadasen, Edbesendowen. Bwakawen, Zagidowen.

Migwetch

Roy Slavin, District #1

Dist. #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN Citizens,

If you are making plans to travel to Shawnee for our Family Reunion Festival at the end of the month, I look forward to meeting you! I understand that there will be a "Legislators Tent" at which we can visit, and I also will have my blackberry

and cell phone with me, so send email to ecarney4cpndistrict2@gmail.com or call me at 202-281-4373 or text me at 703-615-3719 so that we can plan to connect.

I am particularly looking forward to putting on regalia and dancing together on Saturday night! By the way, you can regis-

ter on-line for the Festival through the www.potawatomi.org Web site main page. Just click on the "Festival Registration" box on the left side of the screen. Have your tribal ID number and date of birth handy, and you will be registered in just moments.

While we're on the topic of the Potawatomi Web site, I encourage you to explore it. If you aren't getting your own *HowNiKan*, for example (but are reading this from a borrowed copy), you can fill out a change of address form to assure you get your own copy. If you've just had a baby you can find the CPN enrollment form online. If you don't have a CPN identification card, there's a form you can print, fill out, and send in along with a photograph of yourself that will be added to the card. You can then expect your card within six weeks.

If you or your child needs a scholarship application or you've mislaid your Health Aids Foundation form on which to request reimbursement for your new eyeglasses, those forms are available, as well. Please do make the most of the benefits available to CPN citizens in our District; the Web site postings can help you do so.

And just a bit more on Web sites and electronic communication generally - one of the ideas I shared during the campaign was exploring whether the CPN might help with financing so that citizens would have access to the Internet, could receive e-mail from the CPN, watch our Legislature in action, take advantage of the Potawatomi language training that is offered via the Web, etc.

I'd like to find out from you whether you have reliable internet access, through a home computer or through access to your community library, a school, a senior center, etc. Is there a need for CPN help to get all of us "connected"? Please write and let me know - whatever District you are in - good old U.S. mail is fine, if that's your preferred way to get in touch, or send e-mail to ecarney@potawatomi.org or ecarney4cpndistrict2@gmail.com.

Our District #2 office is being set up as I write this column. The mailing address is CPN, Legislative District #2 Office, The Portrait Building, 701 8th Street NW, Suite



340, Washington, DC 20001. We don't have a phone there yet, so for now you can reach me through the Tribe's 800 number.

The location is great - near a number of Metro (subway) stops, across the street from the Portrait Gallery and Smithsonian American Art Museum, and within walking distance of the National Mall and all its museums and monuments and happenings. And the great Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian is a subway ride away.

If you and your family plan to be in Washington, please let me know because I would be really pleased to meet you and show you the office and discuss anything on your mind. The local office will soon house the teleconferencing equipment I will use to participate in our legislative sessions, and you are welcome to join me in the office during our quarterly meetings to see the Legislature in "virtual action."

My plan is to maintain the Web site I created during the campaign - so please check out www.evamariecarney.com from time to time for updates. There's a new page on the site on which I've put in one place, organized by District #2 states, contact information for Indian Health Service facilities at which we, as Native Americans, are entitled to receive health services. Since there aren't many Native Americans in the Southeast, the list of facilities isn't long, and some states don't have a facility. Please call ahead for infor-

mation on what is offered (different facilities offer different services). I hope this information will be of value to you and your family.

The July *HowNiKan*, including my column, will update you on the Festival events and the legislative session that will take place on June 30 (the Monday after Festival weekend). If you want to listen to all or part of the session, please log onto www.potawatomi.org and, from the home page, select "Government" and then "Legislature." The link to the streaming video will be on the page that comes up, along with instructions for logging onto

the stream.

I can't wait to write you next month and tell those of you who can't make it to Shawnee all that's gone on and all that's upcoming. Until then, be well and please feel free to contact me with your suggestions and ideas. And please do write to advise about your Internet access so we can gauge whether (and what) CPN assistance would be valuable in that regard.

Megwetch,
Eva Marie Carney/Ojindiskwe
Legislator, District #2

Dist. #3 Rep. Robert Whistler

Bozho Nikan (Hello, my friend),

Last months' *HowNiKan* carried the first column I wrote following my swearing-in as your new legislator. I am honored to be your representative and will strive to serve you well. In that column, I chose to cover where you can find some health benefits in Texas and other parts of the U.S., funded by Indian Health Services monies.

Before covering more about our first legislative session, I would like to mention what is available from our Health Aid Foundation.

If you are an enrolled CPN member and were born by December 31, 1971 or are at least 1/8 blood degree, you are eligible for financial assistance (up to 75% of expense reimbursement) subject to an annual \$750.00 maximum on the following items: Eyeglasses, Prescription sunglasses, Hearing Aids, Dentures, Partials, Bridgework, Crowns, Wheelchairs, Mobile Chairs, CPAP Machines, Prosthetic Devices, Mobile Chair lifts, and ramps for vehicles. Applications can be secured from the tribal Web site, www.Potawatomi.org. Contact me if you have questions!

It may interest you to know that this department provided reimbursements as follows:

<u>Tribal year Applications approved Funds disbursed</u>		
2004-2005	1173	\$320,469.37
2005-2006	1269	\$358,726.95
2006-2008	1468	\$389,581.96

If you haven't looked into this benefit and meet the eligibility requirements, we urge you to be a participant!

My comments to you on the other things we did during our three full days in Shawnee for our first Legislative session



last month were rather brief. So here is a little more information from my perspective.

We visited all of the tribal enterprises. A special meeting was held where we met fellow citizens who worked in the various tribal administrative functions and enterprises. Each of the legislators had an opportunity to make a few comments to the group as a whole and then we bridged to an informal environment where we had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with many who were in attendance. All seemed to be excited and pleased with the way things are developing.

Each legislator, as mentioned last month, will be on three major legislative committees. All of us, as a committee as a whole, are on the "Appropriations & Budgets" committee. That includes overseeing the Tax Commission area and the annual budget.

The other two committees that I will be working on are: "Rules and Government" and "Economic Development and Commerce." Rules and Government includes the following tribal government functions, or areas: District Affairs, Tribal Rolls, Elections, Redistricting and Apportionment, and Citizen Communications.

Economic Development & Commerce includes: Tribal Enterprises, Banking Industry, Technology, Insurance, Batch Plant, and Community Development.

With my background and experience, I am convinced, I can do a good job for you and our tribe in these areas. I have both business and local government experience. I have held an insurance license in the past and have started up a business, along with many years of budget experience in business and in government.

One of the resolutions, in this first legislative session was to vote and accept several hundred new members to CPN. Welcome, it is fantastic having you in our family!

As my fellow legislator from District #2, Eva Marie Carney, noted last month, on Saturday we attended a naming ceremony hosted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. There were a number of us who received names. I was honored in having the Chairman agree to give me my name. As your legislator and one now named, I will be able to name those of you who come to me with that request. There are several procedures that must be followed. Please refer to Language Program Director Justin Neely's informative article on namings in the May *HowNiKan* for the namings protocols and procedures.

We also spent time talking about how to improve our communication to each of you. Currently the *HowNiKan* is our primary vehicle. I would like to hear from each of you on what you feel we need to do, your expectations of me, and what

would inspire or motivate the non-voters to participate in our election process. Please send me an e-mail or give me a call.

Before closing, I want to pass on some information to those of you who are over 65 and own your home in Texas. In one of my last meetings as a Bedford City Council member, it was brought to our attention that Texas Property Code 33.06 authorizes seniors to defer payment of their property taxes indefinitely until either the sale of their house or they "walk on." From what I understood, it can be tricky, and there is some simple interest involved.

However, if you have financial problems and find that you can use some tax relief, without worrying about foreclosure, this might be an option. For more information, please go to the Web site www.asset-preservation.net, or you can call 888-536-2622. The gentleman who briefed us on this program was Mr. Ken Walbridge. While his office is in Gainesville, I believe he has an associate in the Houston area, too. I am not endorsing this, but simply making you aware of this program that AARP got the Texas legislature to pass to help seniors on fixed incomes with an alternative for possible real estate tax issues.

For those of you who do not live in Texas, there are 26 other states that have a similar program. I suggest you contact your local appraisal district or tax collection office for details.

Our annual Family Reunion Festival will be held the last week-end of this month in Shawnee. I will make myself available as much as possible to meet each of you. See you on the 27th, 28th, or 29th!

Megwetch (Thank you),
Bob Whistler
District #3 Legislator
RWhistler@Potawatomi.org
817-868-9928

CPN Environmental Health Water & Septic System Assistance Program

Water and sewer system installation for Native Americans

Call the OEH for information or assistance

Telephone number 405-878-4672 - Fax number 405-878-4678

Requirements.... 1. Tribal membership/CDIB card indicating affiliation with a federally recognized tribe; 2. Copy of a Warranty Deed; 3. A Photo ID; 4. Residence in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln, Oklahoma, or Logan county

District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame

CPN Citizens,

It does not seem possible that another month has gone by. It was my pleasure to meet many of you at the pow wow in Rossville. God blessed us with the most beautiful weather we could have asked for. It was exciting to walk back from my office and hear the chatter of the Citizens and the beat of the drums.

When you have more than 200 people sharing a feast, it only adds to the excitement of the day. I know many of you were not able to attend because of graduations. The date disappointed me also but our event was scheduled six months in advance. We figured out why no one wanted to rent the center for a wedding reception.

Since the last publication of the *HowNiKan*, I have established an office. It is in Rossville in one side of a duplex in the elder housing community near our community center. The staff from Shawnee has set up my video-conferencing equipment, and my office furniture has been delivered. Signage and a sidewalk will be added to access it from the community center parking lot on the north.

The front room is set up with the conferencing machine. It is set up so that citizens can attend the meetings and watch them live. (They will also be broadcast live on the Nation's Web site, www.Potawatomi.org.)

I have also been discussing with legislators uses for the room and/or the video-conferencing equipment in addition to our legislative sessions.

Another room will be my business office with a desk. I will set up the remaining room as a learning center. I will continue to schedule ribbonwork classes and



other education opportunities.

I have tentatively scheduled July 26, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., as an open house for the new legislative office for District #4. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. to discuss issues and suggestions attendees have in the 4th District. Please watch the *HowNikan* and Web site for details.

For those of you who wish to stay later on the 26th, we will have a potluck lunch and ribbonwork class in the afternoon. This will be good time for Citizens who are honored families for Family Reunion Festival 2009 to start. It gives you plenty of time to plan your regalia and finish.

If you wish to contact me, my telephone number is 785-584-6822. You can send correspondence to P.O. Box 4851, Topeka, KS 66604. If you wish to receive e-mail notifications of future events please send a note to Tadame@potawatomi.org. I will add your name to my list.

Megwetch,
Theresa Adame
Representative, District #4

District #5 Rep. Gene Lambert

Bozho,

Here we are at that time of the year again, the time for our Family Reunion Festival. This is the most wonderful experience of the year for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. We have the opportunity to meet and learn more about our heritage, to see all the old friends and family, and meet the new.

It is a chance of our lifetime, given the fact that we are expecting more than 4,000 people here together at one time. Do you realize how

many families in the world are not able to gather in this manner to pay respect to those who have walked before us, to enjoy those in the walk today, and to plan for those who will walk after? We get to do that each and every year. WOW!

I am so very proud and excited to be able to participate and contribute in any way possible to make it a success for you. Everyone is committed to the rightful journey of the gathering, ensuring we all go home enhanced from the

recognition and experience of being Potawatomi.

Take the time to practice old traditions and skills that are always available for those who want to learn and feel what it must have been like to live in the old ways. Hear the stories and legends that have crowned who we are today. The why: we do things the way we do them. It creates an aura of light and warmth known only on the feeling level.

How about the competitions? Just see what you can do when challenged the way our ancestors once were, just to survive. It wasn't a game.

Speaking of games, the hand games have really become popular, and I have to relearn every year to be a judge. The entire family can participate in this one, young or not so young.

Experience the Grand Entry and all its glory as we promenade in traditional regalia and honor our forefathers.

See the Citizen Potawatomi Nation today as it is and know that you are a part of it and all the successes that follow.

Take the time to meet your leadership and let them know how very honored we all are to be here. Ask your questions. Contribute your ideas and thoughts as we want to know.

We will all be there, and you can check the



times that the legislators will be available in the schedule.

We are a mighty people and will stay that way because you care enough to make it so. Teach your children now about who we are so we can go on forever. Bring them to the gathering.

Please take the time to introduce yourself so we can get to know you by name and to recognize your faces. Each of you is a part of the whole, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Gene Lambert,
Legislative Representative for District #5.

District #6 Rep. Ron Goyer

Bozho Nikanek, (Hello Friends),

It is almost time for my favorite time of the year...Family Reunion Festival As our grandfathers and our grandmothers before us have found these gatherings as an important part of our tribal fabric, we respect them and continue in tradition with our yearly family festival. The festival will be held, as it always has been, on the last weekend of June in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

This is an excellent opportunity for all of our families to get together and enjoy each other's company. Good food, good company, and fun activities are always a welcome change for everyone. It is also an important time to learn more about our history, language, benefits of tribal membership, and tribal enterprises and to participate in the General Council meeting.

The General Council meeting is important for everyone to participate in, as it is informative as well as being one of our most traditional forms of tribal gatherings. I encourage participation and attendance at this event.

As always, please remember to vote in the upcoming elections. It is important that everyone be involved in the voting process. I would like to see a greater voting participation, as it is necessary as a



leader to understand the wants, needs, and general consensus of the tribal members in my district.

In conclusion, I have located several possible sites for the new regional office for District #6. The eventual site chosen will soon be the meeting place to enjoy all of the things I mentioned earlier in our own district. If you find the time between all of the great events that you'll experience at the festival, stop by and visit with me at the Legislators tent, where all tribal members can meet with the representative of their district.

Bama Pi,
Ron Goyer "MASKNINYE"

District #7 Rep. Thom Finks

Bozho,

It's just a few weeks before Festival, time to get my regalia together. No matter what you do this summer come and join your family, your relations both from the past as well as the present. It doesn't matter what you have or choose to wear. As long as you show respect to what is being done, it simply doesn't matter what you wear with just a couple of exceptions. Flip-flops, halter-tops, and tattered cutoffs are great for a summer evening - but not in the dance circle.

Have a ribbon shirt, shawl, or full-blown regalia. Pack it up and bring it with you. This is your time, your heritage to learn as well as your heritage to pass on.

There are powwow dance lessons as well as Dance Circle etiquette lessons on Saturday afternoon. I highly recommend attending these. It will answer a lot of the questions you have and make the experience even more meaningful for you. Another good idea is to find someone who is dressed out and ask him or her questions. Most are happy to share ideas and help get you started.

Personally, I have tried to make as much of my regalia as possible. For me, it was a wonderful experience - sometimes frustrating but a great experience. And the pride of wearing your own regalia is wonderful.

I've been coming to Reunion Festival for years and powwow for years before that. I have to tell you that nothing brings home your heritage more than being out in the dance circle. It's just you, the drum, and all your ancestors. I know that sounds crazy. But, more than once, while out there listening to the drum I swear I have heard my ancestors talking to me - not in what we know as written or spoken word but in their own way. I can hear them and I can feel them. I know they are there.

The legislature is scheduled to meet on Monday June 30, 2008, right after festival. I can't speak for my fellow legislators but I've been looking at all the information we received when we where in Shawnee last month. I'm trying to absorb as much as I can, and I'm just now coming to the bottom of the box. I have to tell you that I understand the workings of the tribe better now than I ever thought I would. To be honest. I believe I've just scratched the



surface.

My hat is definitely off to all the previous members of the past business committees. Most folks haven't a clue what it takes to keep this Tribe moving forward. Did you know that the CPN has approximately 60-plus individual departments to manage? There are more than 2,000 employees and 15 different enterprises to run. This amount of growth in such a short time is staggering. As legislators, we will need input from all of you. It doesn't matter where you live geographically. You now have the ability to have input to your tribal government.

It was the general consensus of the members of the legislature that we make ourselves available to the tribal members during the Festival. I've asked that perhaps a corner of one of the reunion halls be available to the legislators. I'm a member of the Higbee and the Bertrand families, and the Higbees are one of the honored families this year, I'll try to be available at their reunion tent as much as I can. All of the legislators will be asking you for your current (snail mail address), e-mail address, and any other contact information we can get.

Additionally, you should have received an information packet from the Nation that contains a form you can complete and mail back to share your e-mail address and other contact information with the Nation.

We are asking for this current information so we can contact you about important announcements as well as cultural things that will be going on in the different leg-

islative districts. As a group, we have made the pledge to refrain from selling your information or sharing it with anyone other than the district representative to whom you gave the information. As always this is a completely voluntary request; if you don't care to give out this information, that is your right.

We would also like to know if you have any family members or other tribal members you know who are receiving a HowNiKan newspaper. We can update the mailing list plus, in the future, get the newspaper sent to you faster and at minimum cost to the tribe and keep you informed by e-mail about what is going on in your district.

It's time to start getting things together. I again want to invite you to come to Festival and to learn YOUR heritage. You'll never regret it. I promise.

Megwetch,
Thom Finks
District #7

District #9 Rep. Paul Wesselhöft

Citizens of Oklahoma (District #9),
Bozho & God Bless,
Family Reunion Festival!

I hope to meet you at our annual Family Reunion Festival! Please come by and visit the Legislators' booth/or tent. This is a good way to get to know your legislators and advise us on what you feel is important to our Nation. This is how good ideas are translated into law.

Committee Assignments

For your information, my committee assignments are as follows: Appropriations & Budget; Education; and Judicial & Law Enforcement. I have already passed a bill with unanimous consent. I recently submitted another bill, and I am presently crafting a third.

I feel certain that I will be very involved in the bill-writing and passing process. If you have good ideas that you want to see become good law, please let me know. That's one of my jobs.

CPN Election

Don't forget to vote by absentee ballot or at our headquarters on June 28th. Please be advised that in order to stagger the 16 legislative terms, one of them had to be a term of only three months; that duty fell to my District #9. I hope you give me the opportunity to serve you for a complete

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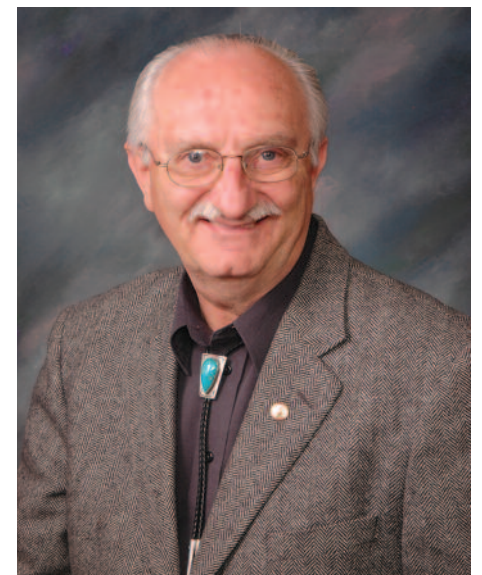
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From the home page, go to "Government" then "Legislature"

There will be instructions on the Legislature page for logging onto the video/audio stream.

The next Legislative session will be held on the morning of Monday, June 30, 2008.



term by voting for me. I am a dedicated servant and a hard worker; and I will serve you to the best of my abilities. I thank you in advance for your support.

Feedback & Contact Information

My email address is PWesselhoft@Potawatomi.org, and my home phone number is 405-794-9464.

Megwetch,
Paul Wesselhöft
Representative, District #9

District #10 Rep. David Barrett

Bozho, Nikan!

It seems that, as we go through life, we constantly have to make changes to earlier plans. Well, if you are being hurt by the high gas prices, you might be thinking of planning your vacation or short trips closer to home. Let me take the opportunity to suggest how you can have fun for three days of food, activities, fellowship, and games.

I have personally enjoyed all of Family Reunion Festivals that I have attended, and I always look forward to attending the next one. The Festival is for the whole family. Year before last, my mother, who is 91 years young, attended. This year my granddaughter, who is all of 8 weeks old, will be attending.

If you haven't attended, I would like to challenge you to at least bring your family to Festival for at least one day and let me know how it was at DBarrett@potawatomi.org.

This year you will be able to meet and visit with the new legislators. So, don't be bashful. Let's show our legislators that we support them.

I would like to share with you what CPN Coordinator of Public Health/CHR Loretta Miller, R.N., says about our CPN festival. "For the past 15 years, it has been my privilege to serve the Citizen Potawatomi members and their families in helping to make the Health Fair enjoyable and memorable. It is exciting to see fami-



lies from across the United States who return from year to year, hearing about new marriages, babies, children and grandchildren graduating from high school or college. It's more than just about a Health Fair; it is about caring for families."

Loretta added, "Remember to come to the clinic this year for the Health Fair. The theme this year is **PATRIOTIC**, so you will be surrounded by Red, White, and Blue."

I hope to see you there.

Megwetch,
David Barrett
Legislator, District #10

District #11 Rep. Lisa Kraft

One only has to look at the Family Reunion Festival event schedule to see that the month of June is a very busy time for tribal employees. Programs are preparing for tours, activities are being planned, and the tribal grounds are being made ready for thousands of tribal members and their families.

The Monday following the Festival, the new legislature will meet to discuss, among other things, how best to obtain monthly updates from program directors so that their steadfast efforts and results can be shared with tribal citizens in the *HowNiKan*.

In lieu of committee updates this month, may I instead offer my personal legislative goals and objectives? My legislative col-

leagues have all been very forthcoming in their campaigns. It has helped to quickly establish professional relationships and the beginnings of mutual respect. Each representative has impressive life experiences and views. I am proud to sit among each and every one of them.

Personal Legislative Goals:

1. Protect Citizen Potawatomi jurisdiction from State and Federal lawmakers
2. Manage and develop tribal lands using an integrated resources approach
3. Decrease our tribe's dependence on Federal grants while increasing Federal contracting and enterprise expansion
4. Contribute to the written history of our Nation

Personal Legislative Objectives:



1. Promote voting in elections, benefits of education, and individual self sufficiency through interning and employment at the tribe and small business ownership

2. Stay apprised of State and Federal, and even Tribal, attempts to compromise Citizen Potawatomi sovereignty

3. Meet with and survey tribal citizens about their needs, wants, and expectations of the tribe

4. Develop land strategies that can meet both leader responsibilities and citizen priorities while utilizing the available natural, social, and economic resources

5. Regularly assess program, service, and enterprise goals, objectives, and performance to continue our executive leadership's course toward tribal self sufficiency - the education, health, and personal success of all of us

6. Share information on our history through professional publication and museum exhibit

Ongoing Research Topics of Personal Interest:

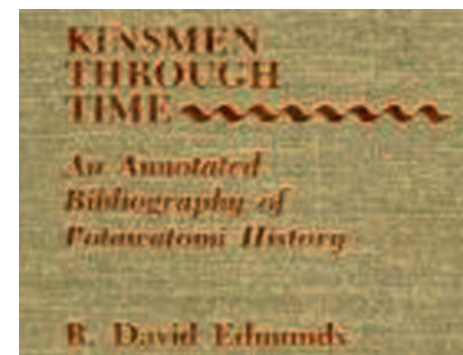
- I am personally interested in obtaining a set of *The Indian Advocate* and its predecessor, both published at Sacred Heart Mission. I would also gladly purchase a digitized set to donate to the tribal archives.

- Interviewing or recording Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Academy Oral History for the tribal archives

- Interviewing or recording Benson Park Oral History for the tribal museum

Suggested Readings:

"Kinsmen Through Time" is among my favorite Potawatomi resources of all time - no pun intended. It is a compilation of written works on the Potawatomi, by time period, and is annotated. When used with



the "Selected Bibliography" of Dr. Edmunds' definitive publication, "The Potawatomi: Keepers of the Fire," it provides a research roadmap for any burgeoning Potawatomi scholar.

Although an update has yet to be released, to my knowledge, Dr. R. David Edmunds remains active in being a part of our evolving legacy. (*Kinsmen Through Time: An Annotated Bibliography of Potawatomi History*, by R. David Edmunds, Metuchen, New Jersey: The Scarecrow Press, 1987)



"The Potawatomi" is a publication that I had the honor of consulting on, along with Don Perrot. It is for young and old readers alike. Pay particular attention to the center girl in the St. Mary's Academy photograph. It is none other than Mrs. Irene Wheeler, mentioned in last month's column, as a young student at Sacred Heart Mission, Oklahoma. (*The Potawatomi*, by Karen Bush Gibson, Mankato, Minnesota: Bridgestone Books, 2003)

Request for Feedback:

Would you and your family attend a Spring Festival in Oklahoma that coincides with Easter or a Fall Festival during Thanksgiving? If so, please e-mail me or send a postcard with your contact information so planning can get underway for next year.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.
Lisa

District #12 Rep. Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho, nikan!

By now, many of you have already made ready for your trip back to Shawnee for the Family Reunion Festival. I eagerly await seeing each of you. The festival has become a yearly trek for many of you and for some a semi-regular visit. It's always good seeing those who come as we have seen greater attendance and participation each year.

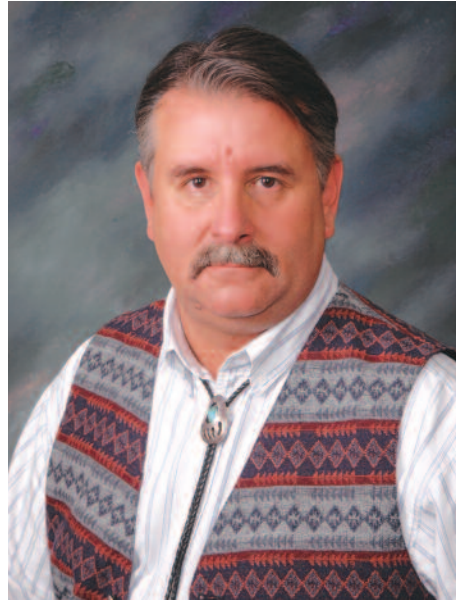
I remember a few years back when there were not many who joined in the Grand Entry. Last year there were more in the entry than in the stands. It's great seeing so many taking part each new year. For those who haven't been in a few years, I would like to encourage you to stop by and see what you have been missing.

Recently, I was honored by the CPN Veterans group with a request to make them a prayer pipe. It reminded me of the many sacrifices they have made over the years. My own father was a veteran of three wars. Three of my brothers and many more of my relatives have served this country.

I am often thoughtful of these men and women who have freely served our country and am thankful for each one's service. While on the Nation's Web site today, I saw where one of our tribal members, Clyde Yates, has been honored with his overdue medals. I want to thank Rep. Mary Fallin for her efforts in helping make this happen. Congratulations to Mr. Yates. Megwetch to all our veterans. I hope all of you will join me in your nightly prayers remembering our men and women who serve us.

We have lots of Festival activities already planned so be sure to check the schedule so you don't miss out on any of the activities you are wanting to be involved in. As always, there will be plenty of food, with lots of games and activities for the kids as well as the adults. If you have your regalia made, be sure to bring it and show it off in the Grand Entry as well as any of the dances.

While in Shawnee, be sure to drive around to see the many enterprises the nation has developed over the years. Buy



some groceries at FireLake Discount Foods and maybe play a little at one of the gaming facilities. Bingo is still one of many favorites available.

The golf course will be open. If you're like me, you might need to buy a couple of extra sleeves of balls as it is quite challenging keeping them out of the water hazards. Be sure to visit the Cultural Heritage Center as they have added a few new things since last year.

Also for any of you who haven't been down to Sacred Heart Mission in a few years, you'll want to plan a trip down this year. The Nation has made some efforts in the property with rebuilding the two-story building. It turned out quite nice. There is lots of tribal history connected with this area and for many it may be your first time to see it. Let's hope for decent weather this year so we can all get out and enjoy these things.

It is an election year for me, I hope all of you get out and vote. Be sure to remind all your relatives to come out and vote, also. I hope that I have the opportunity to continue serving you.

As always it has been a pleasure as well as an honor to serve this great nation.

Megwetch!

Paul Schmidlkofer

Representative, District #12

District #13 Rep. Bobbie Bowden

Bozho,

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family Reunion Festival. I'm not sure who is more excited, my kids or me!

Again I am very honored to serve the tribe and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members to vote either by absentee ballot or in person from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28. Our tribe can only continue to grow if more of our citizens get involved and have their opinions heard.

For those citizens living in Oklahoma, I would urge you to vote for Paul Schmidlkofer for Legislature in District #12. Paul is very knowledgeable on our culture and a vital part of our leadership. As we go forward in the next chapter in our Nation's history, it is very important to have those, like Mr. Schmidlkofer, leading the way. I am very honored to serve with him.

I wish you all safe travels and look for-



ward to meeting and visiting with you at the festival!

Megwetch,

Bobbie Bowden

Representative, District #13

Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho,

I would like to thank each of you for the privilege of being able to serve the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as your Secretary-Treasurer. I have enjoyed serving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for the past seven years and continuing to do so. It has been very exciting to be involved in all of the improvements and changes that have made over the past few years. I can't tell you how much it means to me to be involved in the establishment of the FireLake Grand Casino and the benefits that it has brought our tribe.

It is a very exciting time to be involved with the Potawatomi government and experience firsthand the establishment of our Legislature. This is a new chapter in the Potawatomi history, and it is a privilege to see the unfolding of this new process. I have had the opportunity to meet each of our new legislators and spend some time with them. I am very impressed with their qualifications, as well as the commitment and enthusiasm that they have expressed in taking on this new challenge.

They are a well-rounded group of indi-



viduals who are well-educated and experienced and come from a variety of backgrounds. I feel they will make a strong and unified team. I feel confident that they will serve our Nation well and will do everything in their power to help each individual with his or her personal needs.

It is very important that you communicate with the legislator for your District and be an active participant in this new undertaking of our tribe. This is the only way that our legislators will be able to

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address the thoughts and concerns of each of their constituents. They are looking at improving the future of our tribe and will definitely need your input.

They are working hard to set up offices in their districts to help with better communication, as well as enhancing the cultural events in their areas. They are very excited about getting the community more involved. All of our new legislators are easily accessible by e-mail. Please visit our Web site, www.Potawatomi.org. It has links under Government and then Legislature, for each of our new representatives.

Chairman John Barrett

Bouzho, Nicon,

With the creation of the new Tribal Legislature, it is a good idea to remember how we came to have this new form of government.

Twenty-three years ago we began the Regional Council Meetings. These meetings were held because the constitutional amendment of 1985 allowed all of our members to vote in tribal elections without having to travel to Shawnee on the last Saturday in June. Since everyone could vote, the tribal government felt it was necessary for the government to go out to the people to allow tribal members to voice their opinions to a real person, face-to-face. Over the years, a number of people have served the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as Regional Council Representatives.

These people helped to inform Citizen Potawatomi in their regions about the Nation, helped organize the meetings and ceremonies, and gave the Nation a local identity. We are indebted to them for these years of great representation. Most recently, the Regional Council Representatives were Lou Ellis - Houston; Marge Hobdy - Dallas; Lyman Bourassa - Kansas; Chuck Goyer - Southern California; Thom Finks - Northern California; Gene Lambert - Phoenix; and Cheryl DeGraff - Denver. Please join us at General Council this year to honor and thank them.

With the advent of the Tribal legislature, we will have meetings in many places around the new Legislative Districts as well as in the traditional locations. The primary emphasis will now be on the Citizen Potawatomi Culture. We will have more history, namings, weddings, dancing and

I encourage each of you to attend the Family Reunion Festival that will be held on June 27, 28, and 29 in Shawnee. The festival is a great time to get reacquainted with old friends and also make some new ones. At the festival, you will have the opportunity to meet each of our new legislators, as well as myself, in the Legislators' tent. Please feel free to come by and visit with us.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE FESTIVAL!

Megwetch,
D.Wayne Trousdale *NETEMGIWSE*



singing, and food.

The workings of the tribal government will now be broadcast live over the internet and will originate with the Tribal Legislators as well as the *HowNiKan*. The promise made more than 20 years ago that the government would be returned to the people is coming true.

Before the coming of the white man our government was historically a representative democracy run by village elders and chosen leaders. They would travel to a central place and meet in Council to deal with issues affecting the entire Tribe. The information age has now eliminated the need for such travel due to the tribal teleconferencing system. But we have returned to the old form as closely as is possible. Now when we meet in person, it will be to reinforce our personal tribal identity.

All of you own every ceremony the Potawatomi have had for hundreds of gen-

erations. Every Citizen Potawatomi is entitled to know and celebrate these old ways. Please claim this birthright and learn about them so you can pass them on.

There is no such legal thing in our tribal Nation as "blood degree" except to describe those who presently own their old investments of the Indian Claims Act money. Every one of you is 100% Citizen Potawatomi under tribal and federal law. Our traditions for more than a thousand years have always been that our tribe is made up of those who "share the blood of

our forefathers." The blood you share is not diminished in each new generation. Every enrolled Citizen Potawatomi shares a common history, blood, language, art, music, territory, and government. Each of you has an equal share. As your children are born, they too will have an equal share.

I look forward to seeing you at Festival.

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John Barrett

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from France.

All the restoration projects must be researched and rebuilt exactly as they originally were, Muller said, to comply with state historical society and federal guidelines for historic preservation because the mission is on the National Register of Historic Places. To restore the Sacred Heart site, a Sacred Heart Preservation Coalition was established in March 2007. It was formed by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Benedictine fathers of Sacred Heart Mission (the St. Gregory's Abbey-based owners of the property), and the Sacred Heart Historical Society.

The site also includes the bakery, which

was restored in the 1960s by the late Rev. Denis Statham, faculty member of then-St. Gregory's College, and some students; a one-story log cabin; cemeteries of the Benedictine fathers and Sisters of Mercy, who conducted the mission school and college; a few building foundations; and remnants of the once-elaborate landscaping and gardens.

The one-story cabin, just north of the one-lane drive into the site, was a carpenter's cabin many years ago, Muller said. They plan to restore it "when time and money permit," he said.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is participating as part of its cultural heritage restoration.

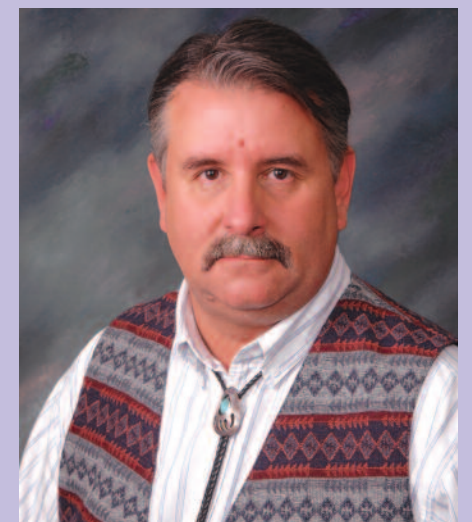
Paul Schmidlkofer Legislature - District #12

Fellow CPN Members,

During my tenure on the Business Committee, your Nation has made tremendous strides in providing services to members and securing our financial future. We have made **LARGE** increases in the amount of financial help available to members who are pursuing continued education. We have doubled the burial assistance. We have opened our beautiful home to tribal members' cultural and historical legacy and enhanced opportunities to learn our beautiful tribal language.

We also stepped up in a major way to earn much more gaming income. And, of course, we have completed the shift of representative authority within the Nation to members across the U.S.

I'm committed to making decisions that make even bigger strides for you, the members of the Citizen



Potawatomi Nation. Please help me do that by voting for me in person on Saturday, June 28.

Migwetch,
Paul Schmidlkofer